



Marine Corps Transformational Concepts and Seabasing



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Objective

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Assumptions

- **Assure operational access and retain freedom of action**
- **Capable of operating from and dominating air, sea, and space in area of interest**
- **Preserve forward defense posture**

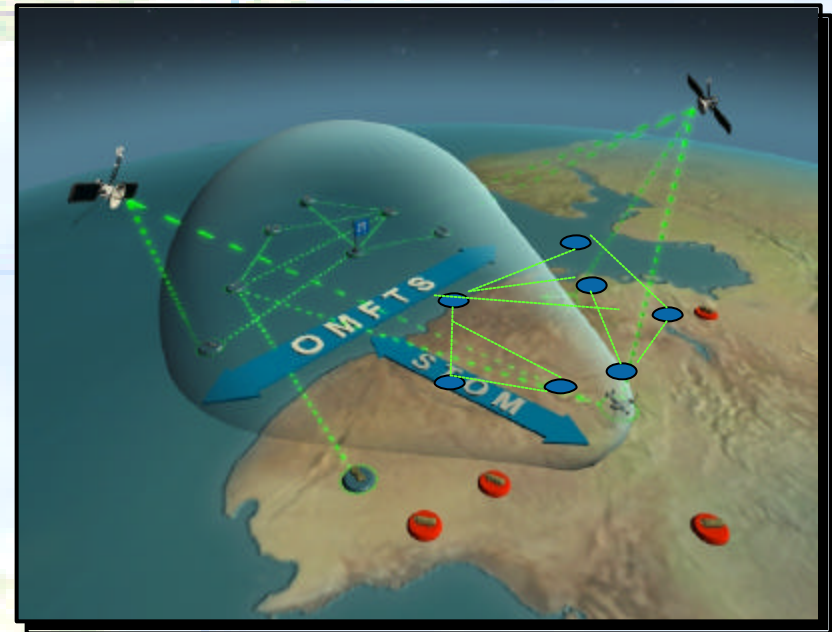
Operational Context

- **Threat Complexity**
 - High degree of uncertainty and ambiguity
 - Increased complexity of asymmetric threats
- **COCOM *Immediate Response* Capability Gaps**
 - Focused, actionable intelligence and “eyes on target”
 - Rapid standup of JTF C2
 - Ability to apply tailored combat power immediately, including Special Operations
- **COCOM *Rapid Response* Capability Gaps**
 - Tailorable, Scalable, & Modular Capabilities

Rapid Transition from Crisis to Joint Forcible Entry Operations (JFEO)

Transformational Concepts

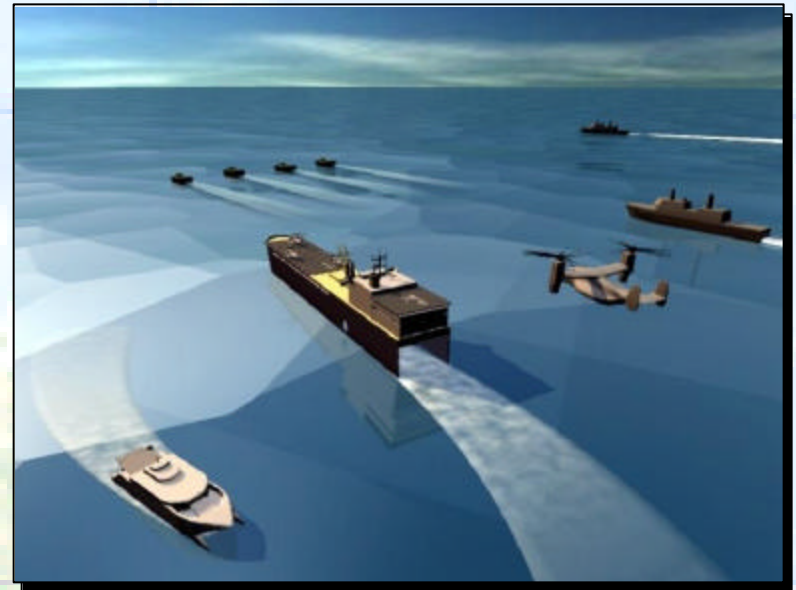
- **Centerpiece of Transformation:**
 - Seabasing
- **Supporting Concepts:**
 - Operational Maneuver From The Sea
 - Ship-To-Objective Maneuver
 - Distributed Operations
- **Applied Coherently:**
 - Threaten the breadth and depth of the littoral region
 - Combined with other Joint Forcible Entry forces, compel an adversary to either concentrate or disperse his forces.



Capitalizing on our Command of the Commons

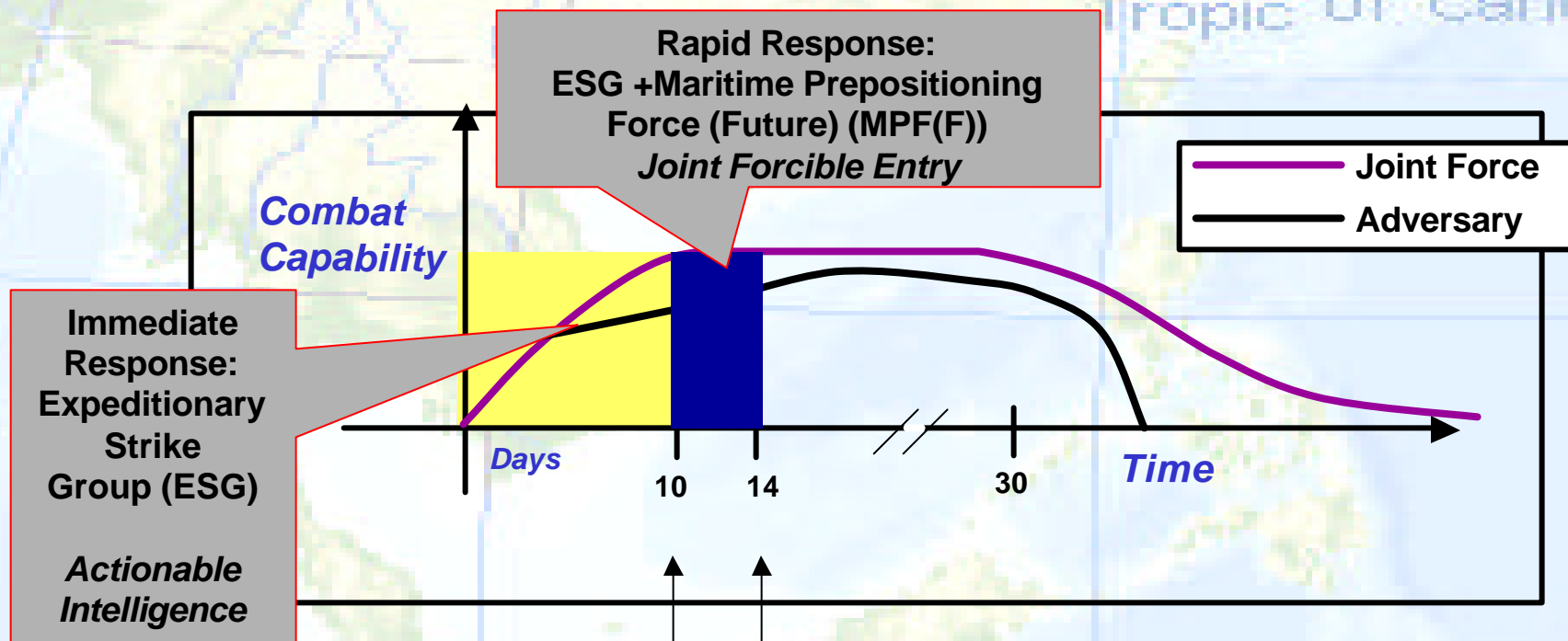
Seabasing

- **Exploit sea as maneuver space**
- **Reduced dependence on vulnerable land bases**
- **Maximum forward presence**
- **Supporting the Joint fight**
 - Advance Force operations
 - SpecOps capabilities / SOF support
 - Joint sustainment
 - Joint C2
 - Seabased aviation
- **Phased At-Sea Arrival and Assembly, Selective Offload, and Projection of a MEB-sized Force within 10 – 14 days**



Cornerstone Of Naval Transformation

JFEO Employability Timeline



MROC Recommendation:

- Objective:

- 10 Days

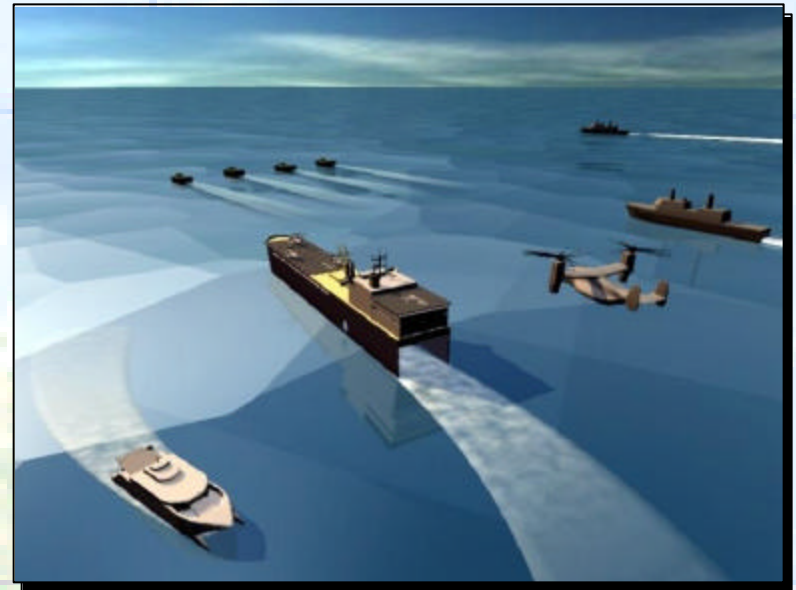
Threshold

14 Days

***Seize the Initiative – Gain and Maintain Access –
Alter Initial Conditions of Conflict***

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Cornerstone Of Naval Transformation

Seabasing Delivering the Capability

FORCEnet

Strategic Airlift,
Strategic Sealift
Civil Reserve Air Fleet

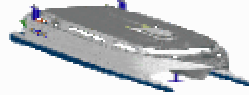


CONUS

Advanced
Base



High
Speed
Sealift

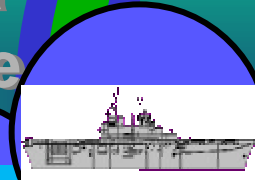


High
Speed
Connector

Sea
Base



MPG



ESG



CSG

Sea Strike

OBJ

Reconstitute

Sea Shield

Joint Operating Area

A System of Systems

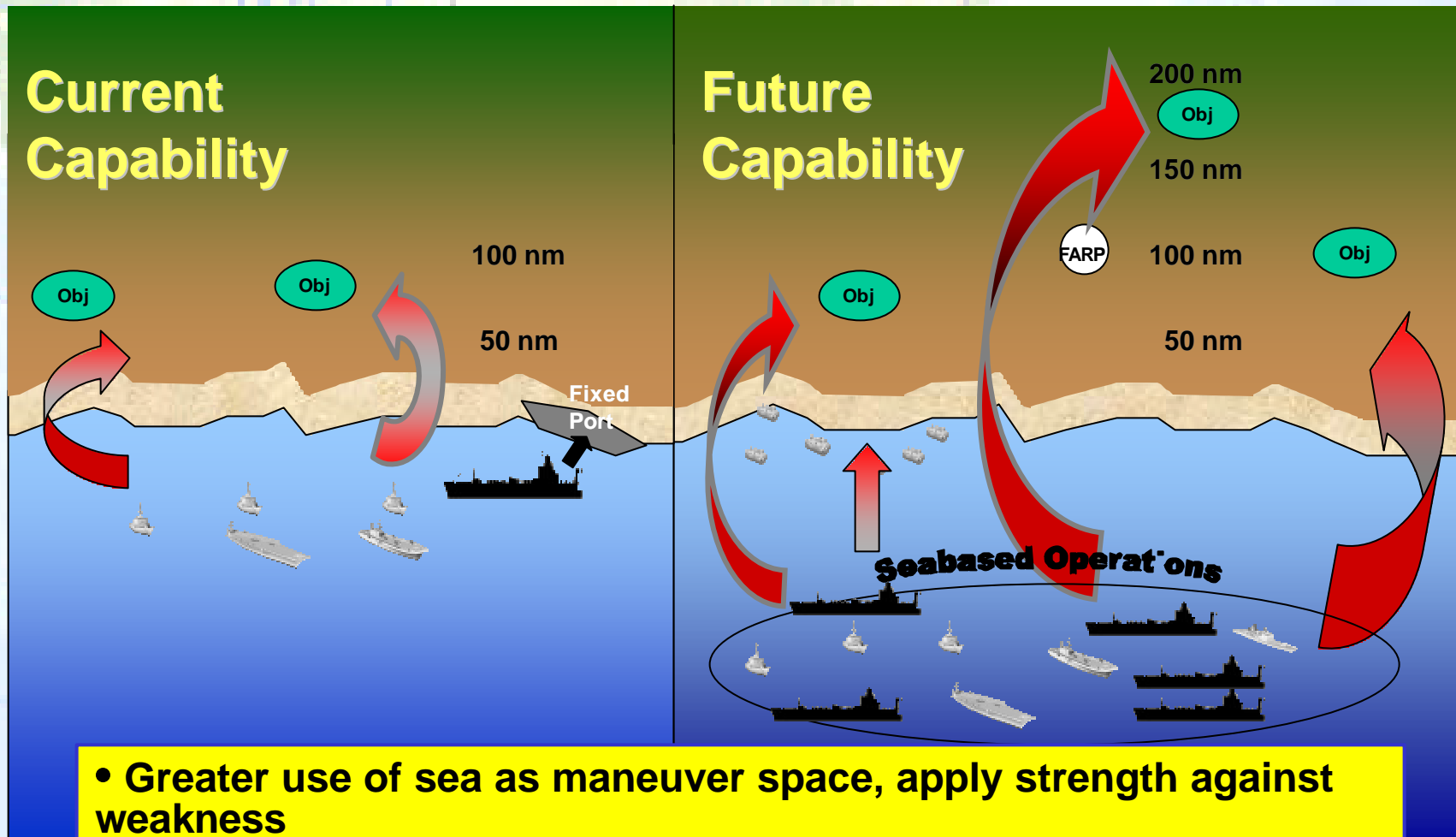
Operational Maneuver From The Sea

- Exploits maneuver *at* sea and *from* sea
- Creates multiple dilemmas
 - Dispersed forces dissipate enemy combat power, leaving him vulnerable to defeat in detail
 - Concentrated forces create exploitable gaps in an adversary's defensive network,
- Integrates operational fires and maneuver
 - Integrated fire and maneuver enables the Joint Force to fix and engage the enemy
 - Naval aviation & surface fires provide high-tempo support to SOF and forcible entry forces to shape the battlefield



Exploits options generated by control of the sea

Ship-to-Objective Maneuver



- Greater use of sea as maneuver space, apply strength against weakness
- Faster closure and initiation of Joint Sea Base, no operational pause for sustainment
- Greater speed and operational reach to objectives

Distributed Operations



“Our most effective weapon remains the individual Marine who out-learns, out-thinks, and out-fights any adversary.”

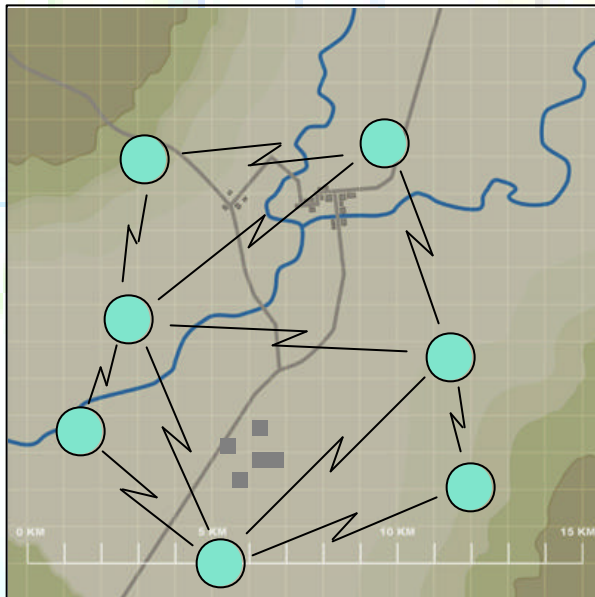
Gen. M. W. Hagee

- Network-enabled forces, operating as decentralized units (Squad to Battalion)
- Applicable from Stability and Security Ops (SASO) to Joint Forcible Entry Ops
- Capable of distributed and/or concentrated ops
- Generating “actionable intel” in complex terrain or ambiguous situations
- High conversion rates of information to action—greater velocity of action

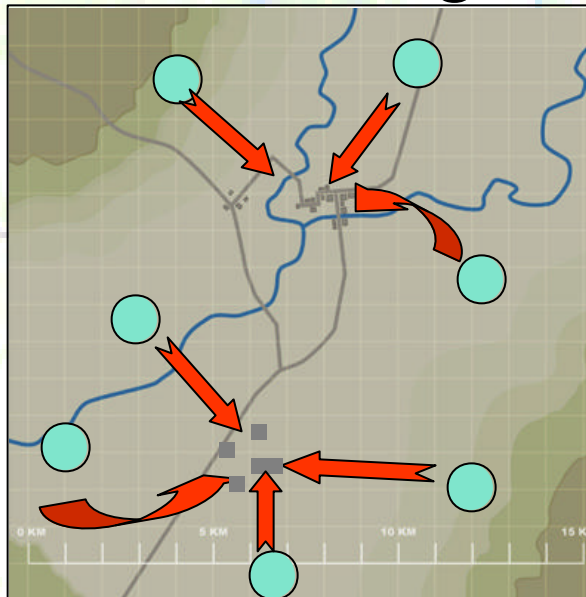
Additive Capability: Speed, Flexibility, Agility

Distributed Ops: One Example

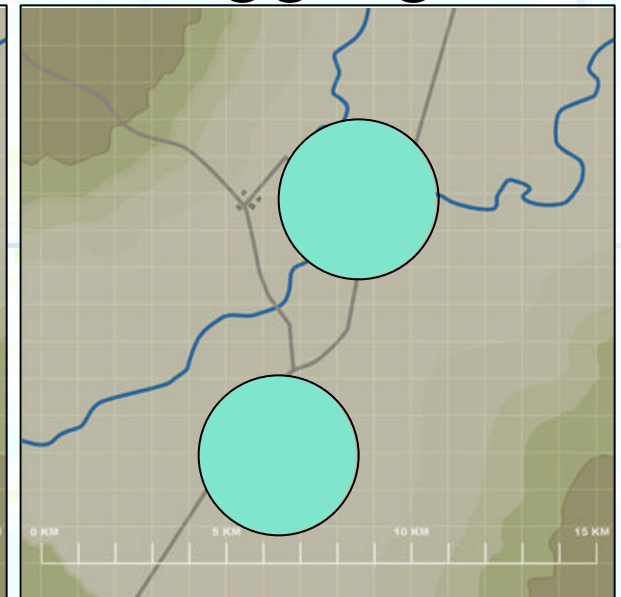
Distributed



Swarming



Re-aggregated



- Vertical and horizontal dissemination of intelligence
- Disrupt/disorient/dislocate the enemy
- Persistent engagement of ISR and joint fires
- Forces aggregate, as needed, to achieve decisive effects

A Faster More Lethal Force

Enabling persistent and actionable intelligence

- Exploiting joint fires
- Disrupting, disorienting, and/or destroying the enemy

